


**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Health		(2) MEETING DATE June 13, 2006		(3) CONTACT/PHONE Ann McDowell 788-2095	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve (1) the Public Health Officer to sign an amendment to the Public Health Preparedness and response to Bioterrorism (BT) and other Public Health Emergencies agreement with the State of California Department of Health Services accepting \$47,847 for Pandemic Influenza planning; (2) a budget adjustment in the amount of \$22,852 to the Public Health Department's FY 06/07 budget from unanticipated revenue.					
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST Allow the Public Health Officer to sign an amendment to the BT contract to accept unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$47,847.00 for Pandemic Influenza planning and response.					
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board approve: (1) the Public Health Officer to sign an amendment to the Public Health Preparedness and response to Bioterrorism (BT) and other Public Health Emergencies agreement with the State of California Department of Health Services to accept \$47,847 in funding for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response; (2) a budget adjustment in the amount of \$22,852 to the Public Health Department's FY 06/07 budget from unanticipated revenue for Pandemic Influenza preparedness.					
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal		(8) CURRENT YEAR COST \$47,847		(9) ANNUAL COST N/A	
(10) BUDGETED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A					
(11) OTHER AGENCY/ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT (LIST): County Bioterrorism Advisory Committee (BTAC) and County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form and legal effect.					
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Contract _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help _____					
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st, <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd, <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd, <input type="checkbox"/> 4th, <input type="checkbox"/> 5th, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All			(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		(15) Maddy Act Appointments Signed-off by Clerk of the Board <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
(16) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			(17) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig + 4 copies) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(18) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			(19) APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(20) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A			(21) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		(22) Agenda Item History <input type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date <u>05/02/2006</u>
(23) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>					

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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Gregory W. Thomas, M.D., M.P.H., Health Officer/Public Health Administrator

DATE: June 13, 2006

SUBJECT: Request to approve (1) the Public Health Officer to sign an amendment to the Public Health Preparedness and response to Bioterrorism (BT) and other Public Health Emergencies agreement with the State of California Department of Health Services accepting \$47,847 for Pandemic Influenza planning; (2) a budget adjustment in the amount of \$22,852 to the Public Health Department's FY 06/07 budget from unanticipated revenue.

## Recommendation

It is recommended that your Board approve: (1) the Public Health Officer to sign an amendment to the Public Health Preparedness and response to Bioterrorism (BT) and other Public Health Emergencies agreement with the State of California Department of Health Services to accept \$47,847 in funding for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response; (2) a budget adjustment in the amount of \$22,852 to the Public Health Department's FY 06/07 budget from unanticipated revenue for Pandemic Influenza preparedness.

## Discussion

Governor Schwarzenegger signed into effect Senate Bill (SB) 409, which allocated \$4.5 million statewide in the current fiscal year for Pandemic Influenza preparedness. San Luis Obispo County's allocation of this funding is \$47,847. These funds are to be used to fulfill certain requirements by the State toward Pandemic Influenza Preparedness. The State Department of Health Services (CDHS) has directed the County Health Departments to treat this money as an amendment to the local Bioterrorism Grant funds, but achieve separate goals, and account for the money separately. These funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2006 by a signed agreement between the Public Health Department and CDHS, or the funds will revert to the State's general fund. Due to the extremely short turn-around time for this agreement and the mandatory submittal date of June 30, 2006, the CDHS has stated it will accept agreements signed by a designated senior manager of the local Health Department, in this case, the Health Officer. The Public Health Department will have two years to fulfill the objectives of the grant. The local Health Department requirements as specified in CDHS plan guidance include:

- Development of a local jurisdiction Pandemic Influenza preparedness and response plan consistent with State guidance and template.
- Public Health preparedness for an influenza pandemic
- Coordination of healthcare surge capacity including alternate care sites

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- Risk communication coordination
- Surveillance and epidemiological response capability
- Coordination of social distancing and quarantine activities
- Distribution and dispensing of antivirals and vaccines
- Attendance at a regional technical assistance meeting conducted by CDHS

On May 2, 2006 the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to increase general fund support to the Public Health Departments budget in the amount of \$24,995 to hire a contractor to coordinate Pandemic Influenza Preparedness activities. The State Pandemic Influenza grant funding will allow the Public Health Department to pay for the services of the Pandemic Influenza coordinator from CDHS funds entirely, without the need for the additional approved \$24,995 general fund support. All funding will support the Public Health Department in their efforts to increase Pandemic Influenza preparedness within the County.

#### Other Agency Involvement/Impact

The Public Health Department will continue to coordinate the planning and preparation for Pandemic Influenza, but the nature of Pandemic Influenza requires the cooperation of agencies throughout the County, as well as private sector involvement. The preparation and planning efforts will involve at a minimum representation from the County Bioterrorism Advisory Committee (BTAC), which includes representatives from County Fire, the Sheriff's Department, CHP, Emergency Medical Services Agency, Mental Health, the American Red Cross, Cal-Poly, Animal Services, Department of Public Works, local law enforcement agencies, Hospitals, and PG & E. County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form and legal effect.

#### Financial Consideration

The acceptance of these funds for Pandemic Influenza planning and preparedness will allow the Public Health Department to pay for the entire Pandemic Influenza Coordinator's contract of \$24,995 from unanticipated state revenue. These funds will also allow for the purchase of a cache of masks to be used by County employees to provide some protection and help slow the spread of influenza in a pandemic situation.

The Public Health Department will utilize the remainder of the funds to support Pandemic Influenza preparedness goals as outlined in the discussion. Approximately \$5,400 will help fund risk communication materials to be distributed to the community at community-wide Pandemic Influenza summit, a Public Health Law Tabletop Exercise, and other community education events. The bulk of the grant (over 95%) will go toward the Pandemic Influenza coordinator's contract, a cache of masks for County employees, and supporting the community-wide Pandemic Influenza summit. Approximately \$3,152 will allow a Public Health Department Communicable Disease Investigator to work an additional 10 hours per week for two months to coordinate mass prophylaxis site preparation. The remainder (\$526) will fund travel to a mandatory regional technical advisory meeting to be hosted by the State to assist local Health Departments in administering this grant amendment. Each of these activities is in direct support of the requirements as laid out in the Scope of Work by CDHS for Pandemic Influenza.

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## Results

Receipt of CDHS grant funding will allow the Public Health Department to continue to plan and prepare for Pandemic Influenza in the coming months. The Pandemic Influenza coordinator will continue to enhance the current county Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response plan. The Plan will be revised to be consistent with the State's Pandemic Influenza plan template, due to be released by June 20, 2006. This plan will be submitted to the State by September 29, 2006. A community-wide Pandemic Influenza planning and response summit will be held June 23, 2006 to encourage business and community awareness and preparedness for Pandemic Influenza. A Public Health Law and Pandemic Influenza training and tabletop exercise will be held on July 13, 2006 to educate stakeholders in legal strategies available to help contain a pandemic. Finally, the following committees will be convened by October 16, 2006 to invite participation and awareness in community, healthcare and business partners: Legal, Hospital, Laboratory, Mass vaccination and prophylaxis, Communications, County government continuance, Community containment, and Mass Fatality.